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OOOOKAY... I'M SHACKLED IN A DARK AND SMELLY PLACE AND SURROUNDED BY GUYS WHO HATE ME. HOW'D I GET HERE?!
BEATING THE HOUSE
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OKAY... BACK IT UP A MINUTE. SALLY AND I GOT AMBUSHED IN THE GREAT FOREST BY BEAN THE DUCK AND BARK THE POLAR BEAR...
SALLY MANAGED TO TURN THEM IN OUR FAVOR, THOUGH. THEY WERE HELPING ME FEND OFF ANOTHER AMBUSH FROM THE DESTRUCTIX. WE HAD THINGS UNDER CONTROL...
...UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENED.
I THOUGHT I HEARD NACK TALKING. AND SALLY...
SALLY'S ALONE WITH NACK! SHE'LL NEED ME! C'MON, SHACKLES! BREAK!
YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE, SON. RELAX.



"ENJOY THE RIDE."
TEN. NINE. EIGHT.
SEVEN. SIX. FIVE.
FOUR. THREE. TWO.
KCHAM
ONE.
HEY!
ZAP!
A SECRET ENTRANCE?! YOU MADE ME MISS!!!

HEY, SALLY. WHO'S SHOOTING HOLES IN THE FRONT DOOR?
SONIC -GASP- WAS AMBUSHED. TAKEN -GASP- BY DESTRUCTIX AND -GASP- OTHERS. NACK'S -GASP- OUTSIDE...
WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?
EVERYONE IS EITHER IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS OR ON ANGEL ISLAND.
SO... JUST ME.
PIKO!
WE'LL HAVE TO DO.




YOU'VE MADE ME MISS THREE TIMES IN MY CAREER, TOOTS. I AIN'T MISSING *THIS TIME*.
HA! I KNEW YOU'D BE GUARDING THE FRONT DOOR!
AND I FIGURED YOU'D TAKE THE SLIDE!
OH, NO...
WHOP

SALLY? SOMETHING WRONG OVER THERE?
NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE.
WE'RE FINE, NICOLE.
I NEED YOU TO SEND WHOEVER'S AVAILABLE OVER TO FREEDOM HQ AND RE-ARREST NACK. PUT EVERYONE ON ALERT. SONIC'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
UNDERSTOOD. IF YOU GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES...
...I CAN RALLY THE OTHERS.
NO TIME, NICOLE. YOU TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE.
"WE'RE GOING AFTER SONIC."


BWA-HA-HA! LOOK HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN!
YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT US, BUT WE'VE HELD TRUE TO THE IDEALS OF THE 6-S TEAM!
NOT SO TOUGH NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL BOUND UP, huh, MR. ALL-BOUND-UP?
THE SUPER SECRET ...NO...
SUBTLE... NO... SNEAKING...
SINISTER... SILVERY...?
"SUPER SPECIAL SONIC SEARCH AND SMASH SQUAD".
THAT'S IT!
PLEASE, GUYS. I STOMPED YOU WHEN I WAS EIGHT. YOU'RE WAY OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE NOW.
ENOUGH!


SHACKLED OR NOT, HE COULD TAKE YOU ALL OUT.
NOW WHERE'S MOGUL? I'M READY TO BE PAID.
MISTER MOGUL IS BUSY ATTENDING TO HIS CASINO NIGHT CLUB. HE'LL PAY YOU WHEN HE IS READY.
LISTEN HERE, MONKEY-BOY...
SHUT UP, DRAGO.
LISTEN HERE, MONKEY-BOY. SONIC HAS A NASTY HABIT OF BREAKING OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE, AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS LIKE TO SHOW UP AT THE WORST TIMES. SO IF YOUR BOSS WANTS THE HEDGEHOG, HE BETTER PICK UP THE PACE.
I WILL INFORM MR. MOGUL OF YOUR IMPATIENCE. BUT IT IS YOUR JOB TO BRING SONIC HERE AND KEEP HIM HERE.
CAN IT, DRAGO. HE COULD TAKE YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT. WALK AWAY BEFORE I STOMP YA.


THIS CERTAINLY ISN'T HOW I REMEMBER IT BEING DESCRIBED.
YOU'RE SURE WE'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE?
I HEARD SLEUTH SAY CASINO NIGHT, AND THIS IS THE CLOSEST PLACE LIKE THAT...
NO WORRIES, LOVE.
YOU GIRLS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
GEOFFREY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


WHEN MOGUL ESCAPED, YOUR BROTHER ASSIGNED ME TO TRACK HIM DOWN AND GET AN IDEA WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE WOULD BE.
GOOD THINKING. IS HERSHEY HERE WITH YOU?
I WISH.
G.U.N.'S INTELLIGENCE GOT WIND OF THINGS AND PUSHED FOR A JOINT-OP.
ROUGE?
AFRAID SO.
ONLY I LOST CONTACT WITH HER A SHORT WHILE AGO.
CRIKEY!
HONESTLY, ST. JOHN, YOU NEED TO LOOSEN UP.
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MOGUL'S GLAMOR PIT, PRINCESS?
SONIC'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
DEAD SET?
IT'S TRUE.
THE ESCAPED ROGUES AND DESTRUCTIX AMBUSHED US. WE'RE SURE MOGUL'S BEHIND IT ALL.
LUCKY FOR YOU, ST. JOHN AND I KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.
RIGHT THIS WAY.



HEY SONIC? HEY.
HEY SONIC?
WHY ARE YOU SO FAST?
WHY ARE YOU BLUE?
ARE YOU AND THE PRINCESS GOING TO MARRY AND HAVE MUTANT HEDGE-SQUIRREL BABIES?
EVERYBODY DOWN!
CARE TO BACK ME UP?
AND RUIN THIS DRESS?
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.

IT'S ABOUT TIME!
WHEEEE!
ORDER'S UP!
WHAM!
SHOULD'VE STUCK TO SALLY'S DEAL, BIG GUY!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, eh LOVE?
IT DOES BRING BACK MEMORIES!

I MISS THE OLD DAYS WHEN WE ONLY HAD TO WORRY ABOUT SONIC.
I MISS THE OLD DAYS WHEN AMY WAS ALL QUIET AND NON-THREATENING!
CAN'T LEAVE THE PARTY JUST YET, SLEUTH.
I'LL GO THROUGH YOU IF I HAVE TO, ROUGE!
BUT YOU DON'T-- THAT'S THE THING. MOGUL'S ALREADY PAID ME.
YOU'RE TURNING TRAITOR?
HARDLY. THIS IS SMALL SCALE, HONEY.

"NOW LISTEN UP. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO."
THANKS FOR THE RESCUE, EVERYONE. I THINK I NEED TO COMPLAIN TO THE MANAGEMENT.
ANY-TIME, SONIC!
AGREED. LET'S NIP THIS IN THE BUD.
HOLD IT.
WE'RE STILL ON MOGUL'S TURF. YOU'RE SURE YOU WANT TO PICK A FIGHT HERE?
WE CAN'T BE BULLIED HERE WHEN HE'S FREE TO ATTACK US AT HOME.
YOU HEARD THE LADY!
LET'S DO IT TO IT!
MOGUL!
GET OUT HERE AND MEET ME FACE TO YOUR UGLY FACE!


YOU ARE CAUSING A DISTURBANCE, SIR.
WE MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
PLEASE...
...YOU GUYS WERE OUTDATED A LONG TIME AGO!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
I TOLD YOU OUR BUSINESS WAS CONCLUDED, BOY!
THEN WHY DID YOU PUT A BOUNTY OUT ON SONIC?
A BOUNTY ON AN INNOCENT YOUNG MAN? HOW PETTY DO YOU PRESUME ME TO BE?
HOW ELSE DO YOU EXPLAIN THE THUGS WHO HAD SONIC TRAPPED IN YOUR BACK ROOM?
EXIT
PREPOSTEROUS!
SLEUTH! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN USING THE OLD BAR FOR?

YOU'VE GONE SOFT, MOGUL.
WE'VE BEEN USING YOUR GENEROUS GIFT OF THE OLD BOTTOM OF THE BARREL BAR AND GRILL AS A FRONT FOR OUR MERCENARY ACTIONS!
SCOUNDREL!
SEE TO IT HE AND HIS RUFFIAN COMPATRIOTS ARE EXPELLED FROM THE PREMISES.
GIVE ME A BREAK! THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS!
ASIDE FROM YOUR HERESY, WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE TO COUNTER A FULL CONFESSION?
...NONE.
PERHAPS IF YOU HAD COME TO ME FIRST I COULD HAVE ASSISTED YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS--
--RATHER THAN YOU DISTURBING MY PLACE OF BUSINESS.

IF THERE IS A SILVER LINING TO THIS DEBACLE, IT'S THAT YOU AT LEAST PUT ON A PASSIONATE PERFORM-ANCE.
I SHALL SEND THE INVOICE FOR THE REPAIRS TO YOUR BROTHER, PRINCESS.
LET ME WHACK HIM ONCE, JUST TO MAKE IT EVEN.
I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.
NO. WE'RE DONE HERE.
I DON'T GET IT. WHY'D YOU FESS UP?
ALL PART OF THE ACT.
ROUGE TOLD ME MOGUL WOULD PAY US FOR SONIC'S HUMILIATION.
A GOOD DAY, ALL SAID AND DONE.


DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD, MATES.
SO THE BIG BLOKE GOT TO POKE SOME FUN. EVERYONE GOT OUT SAFE AND SOUND AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.
STINKY'S RIGHT.
WE HAD SOME LAUGHS AND KNOCKED SOME HEADS. AND I'M NOT USED TO BEING RESCUED. THANKS, SAL.
HEY!
EEP!
WELL... YOU'RE WELCOME!
Hmph!
DON'T THINK I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU AND YOUR MALLET. THANKS, AMY.
ANYTIME!
Y'ALL READ ME, SALLY-GIRL?
THIS IS SALLY. GO AHEAD, BUNNIE.


WELL, THE GOOD NEWS IS FREEDOM HQ IS IN ONE PIECE.
THE BAD NEWS IS THAR'S NO SIGN OF NACK. 'FRAID HE GOT AWAY.
PAR FOR THE COURSE FOR TODAY. THANKS ALL THE SAME.
WE'RE ALMOST HOME. SALLY OUT.
WELL, THAT WAS AN EVENTFUL DAY. ON THE PLUS SIDE...
...TODAY CAN'T GET ANY WORSE.


HEY, BRAINIACS.
HAVE YOU GOTTEN THOSE STOLEN GLOBE POSTS UP AND RUNNING YET?
WE'VE JUST ABOUT GOT IT.
WE'LL BE ON SCHEDULE.
YOU BETTER BE.
YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP *HIM* WAITING.


AND WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO? READY TO GO?
MORE THAN YOU'D EVER BE...
SORRY. *WHAT* WAS *THAT*?
I *SAID*...
MON PRINCESS.
NON.
WE'RE READY WHEN YOU ARE.
AS YOU BETTER BE.
HOW'RE THEY LOOKING, BABE?
THEY'LL BE READY TO GO WHEN YOU GIVE THE ORDER...



...YOUR MAJESTY.
WAIT-- KING SCOURGE?! AND WHO ARE ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTER LOOK-ALIKES?! THE NEXT ISSUE WILL HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS! MEANWHILE, TREAT YOURSELF TO SONIC X AND THE SONIC ARCHIVE SERIES!



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Hooray! Another batch of letters from our favorite fans: you! Let's crack out the ol' mailbag and see what's on for this month...

Dear Sonic-Grams: How's it going?

Why, we're fine, Brian. Thank you for asking.

I'm a huge fan of your comic book, and the one-and-only Sonic the Hedgehog! Hey, what did happen to Fiona?

Well, the last couple of pages of this issue should've given you a clue. If not, you need to pay more attention…Don't miss the next few issues for a LOT more Fiona (SHAMELESS PLUG #1!!)

By the way, have you heard about the new Sonic game coming out? It looks awesome! I hope you guys don't stop making ideas for the comic books!

- BRIAN F.
ILLINOIS

Well, there've certainly been no shortage of Sonic games recently, but you probably mean the upcoming RPG, "Sonic Chronicles: The Dark Brotherhood". It'll be on sale towards the end of this year, and trust us, we're just as excited as you all are!

Dear Sonic-Grams: Salutations.

Fancy, aren't we?

I have a few questions: How do we pronounce Lien-Da, Julie-Su, and Rouge?

As follows: Lee-ehn-dah, Joo-lee-soo, and Rooje (with a soft j, like the stuff girls put on their cheeks to make them look all rosy).

I looked for Knuckles #20-31 in some comic stores and couldn't find them. How can I get them?

The Knuckles series is mostly out of print, and back issues are indeed hard to come by. Just search around your local comic book shops, and be persistent! Oh, and for the rest of you: take Giovanni's lead and find yourself some copies of the Knuckles Comic. There are 32 in all, so start collecting now! (SHAMELESS PLUG #2!!)

In Sonic #141, Lien-Da looked like she was ready to cry after Julie-Su and she argued. What is wrong with her? I hope to see the ladies running the show, and I think you girls are #1!

- GIOVANNI L.
PENNSYLVANIA

How can they both be #1? Uh-oh…I sense another argument coming. Thanks a LOT, Gio.

Dear Sonic-Grams: Does Sonic love Amy?

Have…Have you been reading the stories?

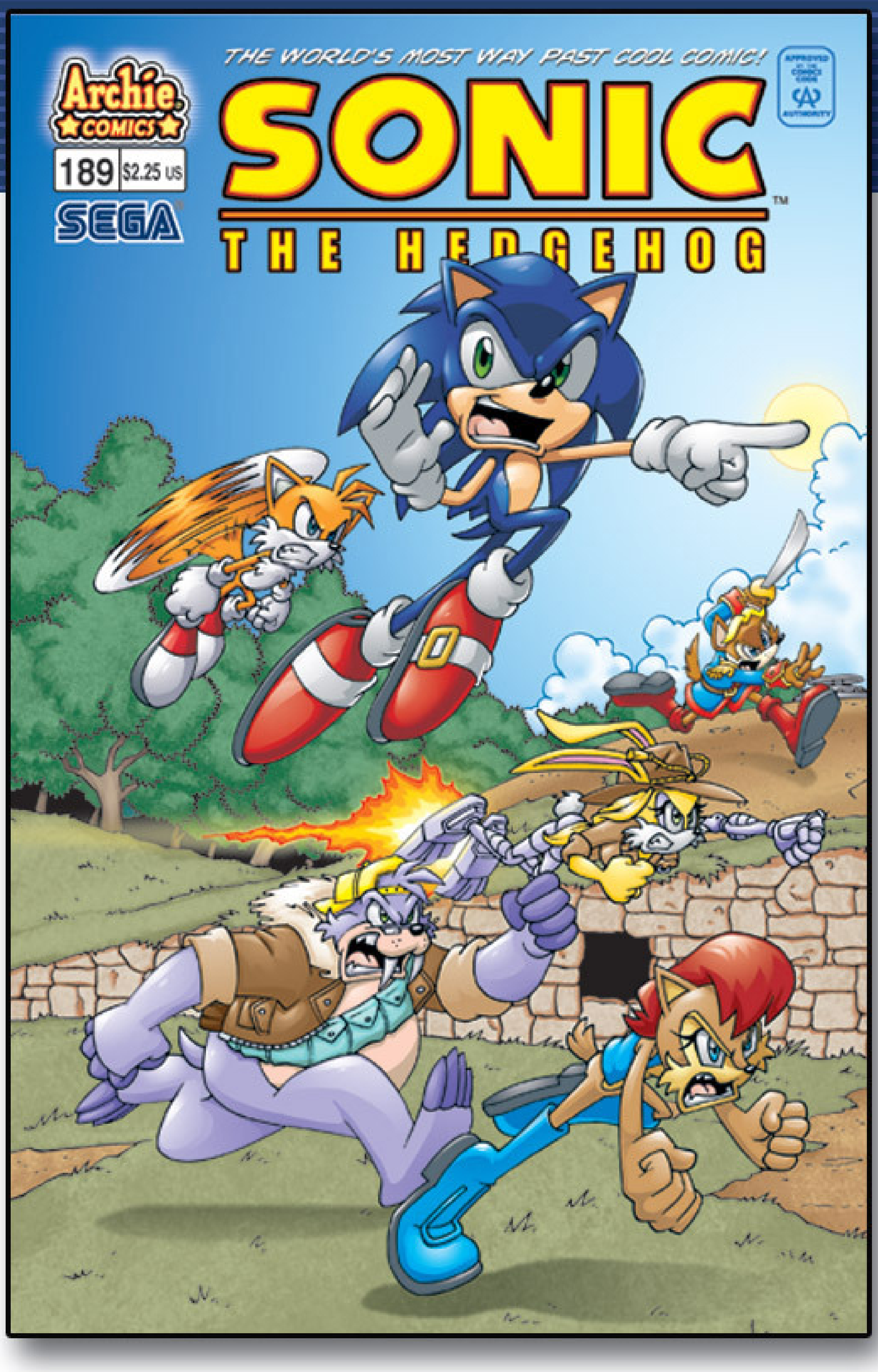
Oh, and speaking of love, I'd like to congratulate Bunnie and Antoine on their wedding! Wish I could've been there!

- HEATHER C.
NEW YORK

And we're sure they would've loved to have you if they weren't, y'know, from another reality and all. But they thank you all the same! Oh, and for all you new readers, Bunnie and 'Twan's wedding was in issue #174, available NOW in the 2007 Sonic Collector Set (SHAMELESS PLUG #3!!)

Faaantastic. Well, that's it for this time. Thanks for all the great letters this month, gang, and don't forget: Keep on juicin'!

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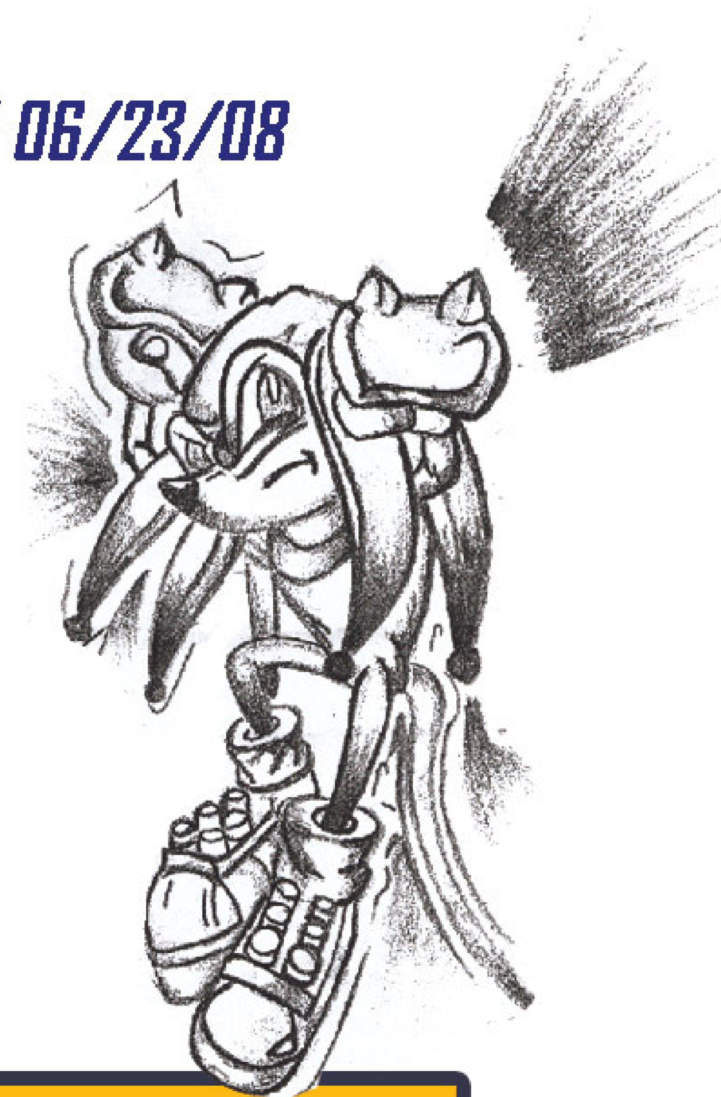
"A Bold New Moebius, Part I: Unwelcome Guests" – King Scourge?! Oh no! When some unexpected company shows up at Freedom HQ, you know they haven't stopped by for a spot of tea! Can Sonic and his friends deal with this new threat?!

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